

**Quarterly Program Performance Report
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Accomplishments Against Goals/Objectives

A summary of the major activities accomplished during the quarter, by objective, are as described below. See also Annex 1 for a comparison of progress by indicator against the annual targets established in the monitoring and evaluation plan.

Objective 1: To build the capacity of local NGOs and CBOs to design, implement, evaluate, and sustain effective programs meeting the needs of street children and those at risk of ending up on the streets

Major Activities

- The process of expanding the Africa KidSAFE (AKS) network to the Copperbelt province, site of major urban centers Kitwe and Ndola, was initiated. An initial meeting was held with 14 representatives from the following organizations: District OVC Committee, Hosanna Mapalo, Samaritan, Nazareth Night Shelter, One Family, Chichetekelo, AROS, Rainbow, Victim Support (Police), Savoir-faire, LARC, MCDSS/Provincial, Salem Street Children Project, and Umokolafula Children Centre. The meeting aimed to explore details on organizations, networks, and committees dealing with street children on the Copperbelt, introduce the objectives and activities of AKS, discuss AKS membership criteria, agree on the logistics of how the network will function in terms of structure and channels of communication, review the child intake form, and discuss BQCC and needs for other training. It was determined that LARC (Link Association for Relief of Children) was strategically placed to host AKS, in that it exists as a provincial network concerned with various children issues, of which most of the organizations working with street children are members. A meeting was held with Provincial MCDSS representatives, who fully supported the idea of establishing the AKS network in Copperbelt Province. A follow-up meeting with organizations from the initial meeting, plus Ndeke Orphan Support and the Childrens Desk at the Catholic Diocese of Ndola was held to further discuss partner profiles and needs.
- An AKS program profile was finalized, printed, and distributed.
- Work on a video documentary on AKS, including interviews with beneficiaries and partners, footage of services on the streets and in centers, etc. continued.
- Three monthly meetings of the implementing partners and other external stakeholders were held, including participation by children from selected implementing partners.
- Training was conducted in program management for 16 AKS partners.
- A 3-day outreach training workshop was conducted by Fountain of Hope for 14 outreach workers.
- The third and fourth modules of training in Basic Qualifications in Child Care (BQCC) were completed for two groups of participants, including a total of 83 participants (73 with DCOF funding, 10 with match funding). Training was facilitated by the Zambian Association of Child Care Workers (ZACCW).

- Nine additional BQCC trainers were trained, with support from the South African National Association of Child and Youth Care Workers. Part of the training also included training of five of the previously trained trainers (10) as Master Trainers.

Objective 2: To reduce community-to-street drift of at-risk children by increasing the care-giving capacity of families

Major Activities

- Nutritional support in the form of monthly household food distributions was provided by PCI through the AKS partners to a total of 606 particularly vulnerable households with children accessing AKS center services (with support from WFP).
- With support from the Ministry of Community Development and Social Services, the Lusaka District Committee for Street Children was reactivated, with representation from PCI and several other AKS members.

Objective 3: To reduce the number of children on the streets, through outreach, family tracing and reintegration

Major Activities

- Outreach activities under AKS were launched, with Fountain of Hope and St. Lawrence Home of Hope serving as Lead Centers, with support from Action Zambia, Child Transformation Trust, and others. During August and September, approximately 186 children living on the streets were in regular contact with the outreach team.
- Subsequent to a workshop organized by the Lusaka Committee for Street Children, over 60 children opted to take up residence at Fountain of Hope. Of these, nine were transferred to Lazarus Project and four to Jesus Cares Ministries. At the end of the reporting period, only 28 of the children remained at FOH, the others having since returned to the streets, due to capacity constraints at the center. A series of meetings convened by the MCDSS aimed to address these constraints in order to accommodate the children again.
- A total of seven children were reintegrated into families through the mobile health team. Numbers of children reintegrated from the partner centers were not available at the time of writing this report.

Objective 4: To meet the basic needs of street children through on-going service provision on the streets and at Africa KidSAFE shelters

Major Activities

- At the 12 current centers operated by AKS implementing centers in Lusaka, 426 children were in residence at the end of this reporting period, and being supported

- with a minimum package of basic services, including shelter, psychosocial support, food, basic medical care, education, and recreation.
- With support from WFP, PCI provided partners with food for school feeding at the AKS centers, reaching 2,113 street and at-risk children in 10 centers operating community schools.
 - In July, a mobile health service to provide basic medical care to children living and working on the streets was launched together with the Outreach program, with New Horizon Ministries and Jesus Cares Ministries serving as Lead Centers, in partnership with the Lusaka Urban District Health Management Board and the Ministry of Community Development and Social Services. A team of 13 staff are participating in the activity, including a full-time nurse, with support from additional nurses, clinical officers, doctors, social workers and other volunteers on a rotating basis. Medical supplies and equipment were purchased with support from DCOF and other private donors. Currently, the mobile clinic is operational four days per week (including 2 night sessions), at the following sites: Hungry Lion, Lusaka Main Post Office, Manda Hill, and Engen (Great East road). The clinic will be working in close coordination with outreach services to the children to provide health education, psychosocial counseling, reintegration services, and other services to the children. Between 23 July and 30 September 2005, 149 different children have been attended to by the clinic, through over 200 consultations.
 - Children from AKS centers involved in writing an HIV/AIDS-focused drama participated in a workshop to finalize the script and compete for parts. Filming of the drama began during the period. The first draft of an accompanying facilitator's guide/teaching curricula to guide education for children at the centers was completed.

Progress in Cash and In-kind Contributions

Significant progress has been made by PCI and other partners in the alliance in terms of cash and in-kind contributions, including medicines and a van for the mobile health service, support for feeding at the centers, training costs, education sponsorships, and others. A report complete with back-up documentation of the contributions is being prepared.

Other Pertinent Information

The project's Manager, Louis Mwewa, resigned from PCI effective 30 September, 2005. Efforts to find a replacement are under way.

An agreement was signed with UNICEF to support some network activities, including training events, community sensitization campaigns, and reintegration activities.

Monitoring data from the partners was not received in time to include quantitative data on several indicators in this report. Efforts to collect this information for inclusion in the next report are being made.

No other pertinent information is to be reported this quarter, including no issues of cost overruns or high unit costs.

Annex 1. AKS Monitoring Data - October 2005	July - Sept 2005	Baseline	Target
Objective 1			
Number of Implementing Partners in Africa KidSAFE Network	12	9	12
# / % of Partner organizations maintaining minimum standards	N/A	N/A	60%
# Child care workers trained in BQCC	83 ¹	40	65
# AKS staff trained as trainers in BQCC	14 ²	10	20
# / % AKS members using child intake form	9	0	12 / 100%
AKS database established and functioning	No	No	
# children in database			500
Quarterly report generated			1/Q
# staff trained in child participation methodologies	0	0	32
# children participating with adults in planning process	N/A	N/A	tbd
# children ideas influencing decisions	N/A	N/A	tbd
# children working in partnership with AKS member organizations /adults to carry out activities	N/A	N/A	tbd
Video on child care developed	0	0	1
Objective 2			
# of caregivers participating in the mothers program	N/A	934	1510
# of caregivers trained in micro-credit and receiving loans	N/A	492	1000
# of OVC reached through the mothers program	N/A	2118	3050
# / % of caregivers paying back loans	N/A	60%	80%
Value of savings generated	N/A	N/A	tbd
# of community sensitization campaigns (e.g. on CRC) done by AKS members	N/A	5/year	6/year
Objective 3			
# of children withdrawn from the streets into centers/ZNS camp, including new and repeat withdrawals	N/A	N/A	250
# of child case reviews completed	N/A	N/A	200
# of families traced	N/A	N/A	300
# of children reintegrated with their families/communities	N/A	N/A	120
# of staff trained in tracing and reintegration	0	20	48
# / % of children reintegrated permanently (at least 6 months) in households/communities	N/A	50%	80%
Average length of stay at AKS centers (denominator: those permanently reintegrated)	N/A	N/A	tbd
Objective 4			
# of new children registered by AKS implementing partner centers and outreach centers	N/A	N/A	tbd
# of children enrolled in government/community schools	N/A	1553	2000
# / % of children retained in community/government schools for at least two full school terms	N/A	60%	80%
# of children reached through street/community outreach programs	186	1770	3000
# of youths enrolled in vocational skills training	N/A	102	250
# of children reached with center/mobile health services	149	1400	2000
# / % of children reached with nutritional support	2,113	1526	1800
# of children accessing shelter in AKS centers	426	294	350

¹ Including 53 from AKS implementing partners.

² Including 9 trainers, plus 5 master trainers.

